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Dear Senator Kushner, Representative Porter and Members of the Labor Committee:

I am writing today to urge your support for ***HB 7292AAC Social Worker Title Protection***, a bill that requires any person who uses the title social worker to be licensed as a clinical social worker.

I am a licensed Psychologist in the State of Connecticut and the chair of CPA's Legislative Committee. As a licensed psychologist for nearly 20 years practicing in CT, I am intimately acquainted with the complexity of our service system and the many licensed practitioners that practice within it.

CPA's Legislative Committee strongly supports title protection for all behavioral health professions. Having many different level of practitioners in CT, each with their own level of expertise and training, it becomes very important for consumers of behavioral health services to be very clear of the services they are receiving as well as the credentials of their perspective practitioner. HB 7198 would provide clarity for consumers regarding social work providers and their engagement with a licensed master-level (Master's Degree) social worker.

I urge your support of Title Protection for Social Workers as outlined in ***HB 7292, AAC Social Worker Title Protection***.

Respectfully,

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